

## The Honorable Thomas E. White



Thomas E. White became the 18<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Army on May 31, 2001, after nomination to that post by President Bush and confirmation by the United States Senate.

As Secretary of the Army, Secretary White has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications, and financial management. Secretary White is responsible for the department's annual budget of nearly \$70 billion. The Secretary leads a work force of just over one million active duty, National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers and 270,000 civilian employees, and has stewardship over 15 million acres of land.

Prior to his appointment as Secretary of the Army, Secretary White served as Vice Chairman of Enron Energy Services, the Enron Corporation subsidiary responsible for providing retail energy outsource solutions to commercial and industrial customers throughout the United States. Mr. White was responsible for energy management services, which included commodity management; purchasing, maintaining, and operating energy assets; developing and implementing energy information services; capital management; and facilities management.

Secretary White also served as a member of Enron's Executive Committee and was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer for Enron Operations Corporation. He was also responsible for the Enron Engineering and Construction Company, which managed an extensive construction portfolio with domestic and international projects.

Secretary White began his public service career as an Army officer. After graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point, he was commissioned in the United States Army in 1967, rising to the rank of Brigadier General in 1990. His distinguished military career included two tours in Vietnam and service as Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment; Commander, 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, V Corps; Director, Armor/Anti-Armor Special Task Force; and Executive Assistant to the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. White attended the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, and graduated in 1974 with a degree in Operations Research. In 1984, he attended The United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Secretary White retired from the Army in July 1990.

Mr. White was born in Detroit, Michigan. He and his wife will reside in Washington, D.C.

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